

We also accepted some changes the Senate made to the Legacy Act that passed by the House. We have added a new public information program which is funded at \$1 million a year. This will ensure that the public is informed about the progress, or lack of, in cleaning up areas of concern.

Lastly, we have added a provision that requires the Environmental Protection Agency to report back to Congress on what the Agency needs in order to oversee and implement the remedial action plans for Areas of Concern and other plans mandated by the Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement. These plans represent the steps that must be taken in order to restore the water quality of a polluted site.

Recently, the GAO reported that the EPA has not done an adequate job of overseeing the implementation of these plans by State and local entities. GAO pointed out that this lack of oversight has led to confusion and delays in getting cleanup actions underway.

Title II of the legislation was added by the Senate in order to continue and expand a program for Lake Champlain that was established under the Clean Water Act. Current law authorizes the EPA to help State and local governments develop a plan for the restoration of Lake Champlain. Title II expands this authority to allow EPA to also provide assistance to implement projects recommended under the plan. The ultimate goal of this plan, like the Legacy Act, is to improve water quality in the Great Lakes Basin.

We as a country have spent many years cleaning up our rivers and lakes on the surface, and we have made very significant progress. Now it is time to turn our attention to the bottoms of rivers and lakes and clean up the toxic sediments that are steadily leaching into the Great Lakes. The Great Lakes and Lake Champlain Act will give this problem the attention it deserves.

I thank the chairman, his staff and the ranking member for their assistance. I also thank groups that helped on this legislation, the Lake Michigan Federation, the Sierra Club and the Council of Great Lakes Industries. I also want to thank Susan Bodine, currently on the staff, who spent endless hours working with us on this issue over the past few years. Also I want to thank Ben Grumbles, who as a committee staffer worked on this legislation. Currently he is at the EPA working in their Office of Water. I am sure he will take great pleasure in implementing this bill.

I appreciate the support of all these individuals, and I urge all of my colleagues to support this bill.

Mr. OBERSTAR. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, again I express my appreciation to the gentleman from Tennessee for his kind, thoughtful remarks, and to the gentleman from Michigan for his thoughtful comments as well, and to say that this is the finest example of how legislation ought to

be done, where two parties get together and put aside partisanship and do things that are good for the country. We have a great tradition of doing so in our committee, and I look forward to continuing that tradition in the balance of this session and in the coming Congress.

I reexpress my appreciation to the chairman of the full committee, the gentleman from Alaska (Chairman YOUNG). Probably he is happy to see this bill passed so we stop badgering him about getting it to the floor and getting it moving.

I do want to join in observing that the additions made by the other body dealing with Lake Champlain and its cleanup are very important and very useful, but it should be emphasized that Lake Champlain is a good lake, it is not a Great Lake, with all respect to our colleagues in the other body who at one time tried to make it one of the Great Lakes by legislation. Now, that is kind of a reverse on the marriage injunction, that what God has joined together, let no man put asunder. Let no man create what God has not done. In this respect, we are happy to help out with Lake Champlain, and it is important, more important historically, I think, than geologically.

But this is good legislation. Let us now all resolve to work together to make sure we get the appropriations to carry out this legislation.

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska. Mr. Speaker, I am very pleased that today we will send H.R. 1070, the Great Lakes Legacy Act of 2002, to President Bush to be enacted into law.

The Great Lakes are a vital resource for both the United States and Canada, but have been adversely impacted by over 200 years of development and industrialization.

This is not a situation that can be addressed by pointing fingers and suing people under the Superfund law or other liability statutes.

The solution provided by the Great Lakes Legacy Act is to address sediment contamination through cooperative efforts and public-private partnerships.

Cleanup activities funded by this bill can be carried out as separate projects or in conjunction with other efforts to clean up sediments—including efforts being carried out under consent decrees or consent orders authorized by other environmental laws and efforts of the Army Corps of Engineers.

This approach is supported by both industrial and environmental groups in the Great Lakes Basin.

The Senate amendments that is before the House today consists of the House text of H.R. 1070, as title I. Accordingly, the report of the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee provides the relevant legislative history for this title.

The Senate amendment also includes, as title II, a limited authorization to EPA to support activities proposed by State and local governments to help restore Lake Champlain.

Finally, the Senate amendment includes, as title III, some miscellaneous items, including the restoration of various Clean Water Act reports to help my Committee's oversight of Clean Water Act programs.

I urge all members to support the Senate Amendment to H.R. 1070.

Mr. OBERSTAR. Mr. Speaker, I have no further requests for time, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. DUNCAN. Mr. Speaker, I have no further requests for time, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. CULBERSON). The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Tennessee (Mr. DUNCAN) that the House suspend the rules and concur in the Senate amendment to H.R. 1070.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the Senate amendment was concurred in.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. DUNCAN. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks on H.R. 1070.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Tennessee?

There was no objection.

REAL INTERSTATE DRIVER EQUITY ACT OF 2001

Mr. PETRI. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and concur in the Senate amendments to the bill (H.R. 2546) to amend title 49, United States Code, to prohibit States from requiring a license or fee on account of the fact that a motor vehicle is providing interstate pre-arranged ground transportation service, and for other purposes.

The Clerk read as follows:

Senate amendments: Page 3, strike out lines 1 through 7 and insert:

“(i) transportation by the motor carrier from one State, including intermediate stops, to a destination in another State; or

“(ii) transportation by the motor carrier from one State, including intermediate stops in another State, to a destination in the original State.

“(2) INTERMEDIATE STOP DEFINED.—In this section, the term ‘intermediate stop’, with respect to transportation by a motor carrier, means a pause in the transportation in order for one or more passengers to engage in personal or business activity, but only if the driver providing the transportation to such passenger or passengers does not, before resuming the transportation of such passenger (or at least 1 of such passengers), provide transportation to any other person not included among the passengers being transported when the pause began.

Page 3, line 8, strike out “(2)” and insert “(3)”

Page 3, line 18, strike out “require” and insert “require, in a nondiscriminatory manner,”.

Page 3, line 22, after “to” insert “pre-licensing drug testing or”

Page 3, line 24, strike out all after “domiciled,” down to and including “or” in line 25.

Page 4, line 2, after “service,” insert “or by the motor carrier providing such service,”.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Wisconsin (Mr. PETRI) and the gentleman from Minnesota (Mr. OBERSTAR) each will control 20 minutes.